

## YES, WE'RE CUTTING OUR WISDOM TEETH.

E. C. Ferguson, typical Chicago business man and member of the Association of Commerce, spoke before the Electrical Club yesterday. Among other things, he said:

"The reason a man cannot afford to stay at home in the evenings is that he is needed elsewhere. It is his duty to go out and look after the affairs of government—to make himself acquainted with the needs of his city and his state.

"You business men need to go out and enter the forum and kill off the demagogue who appeals to the people's prejudice. You need to know and discuss such questions as the workmen's compensation and employers' liability acts.

"The great contest in life is between labor and capital. The laboring classes have been discussing the questions involved in this contest. They have been developing able speakers. They know more than you do about some of the economic questions which affect your business.

"All of this means that we have got to take care of these people, to give them vocational education and to eliminate the terrible housing conditions."

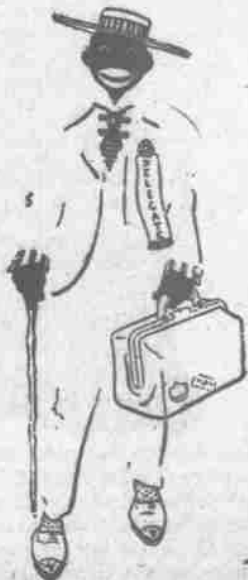
There is not much use in saying anything about most of this. But, on behalf of the plain people of Chicago, we want to say one thing to Mr. E. C. Ferguson, business man:

The people do not need busi-

ness man to 'take care of them.' They can take care of themselves. The people do not need business men to 'give them vocational education.' The people pay the taxes to keep up the public schools, and will look after that themselves. The people do not need to have business men 'eliminate the terrible housing conditions' under which so many thousands suffer. The people can use their own votes to do that.

With all respect to Mr. E. C. Ferguson, business man, we desire to state that the people are now weaned, and are, indeed, cutting their wisdom teeth.

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